

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO PHYLLIS AND ROBERT KALDENBERG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Phyllis and Robert Kaldenberg, of Winterset, Iowa for receiving Madison County Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Phyllis has been a popular daycare provider in the city of Winterset, and is active with the local United Methodist Church. She worked to get the Iowa Quilt Museum off the ground and is a member of the Covered Bridge Quilters. Robert, a member of the Winterset Rotary, participates in community volunteering opportunities as much as he can, including City Park hedge maze, the Bluebird house projects, and construction of the community bocce ball court. Robert is also active in the local Methodist Church and has been a big help in the construction of the Winterset Area Skate Park.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to represent community leaders like Phyllis and Robert in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today. I ask that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Phyllis and Robert for their outstanding achievements and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

IRAN BALLISTIC MISSILES AND INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS EN- FORCEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for H.R. 1698, the Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act. I was proud to cosponsor this critical legislation, and support it during consideration by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and would have voted for it on the floor, but had to leave Washington in order to attend a funeral service.

This legislation makes it clear that the United States will not tolerate Iran's development of nuclear-capable ballistic missiles. It authorizes sanctions against Iran for development of these weapons, as well as foreign individuals and entities which provide aid to Iran in the development of such weapons.

Further development of these weapons poses a threat to Israel, to our allies and partners in the Persian Gulf, and threatens to further destabilize the region. Additionally, failure to curb Iran's development of ballistic missiles could undermine the international effort to end

Iran's nuclear weapons program under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

I was proud to support this critical bipartisan effort, and would have proudly voted for it had I been present.

A TRIBUTE TO SETH AND JENNIFER EVANS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Seth and Jennifer Evans, of Lenox, Iowa for being named 2016 Master Pork Producers by the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

Seth and Jennifer were presented the award earlier this year at the Iowa Pork Congress Banquet in Des Moines. They operate a 600-head sow farm and farrow-to-finish swine business. Currently, they market 13,000 head of swine from their own business a year. In addition to hogs, they maintain a 60-head cow/calf herd of Angus and Angus-Simmental cross cattle. Seth and Jennifer are also active members of their community, coaching youth sports and serving as board members at various local organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent leaders like the Seth and Jennifer in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize them today for this outstanding accomplishment. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Seth and Jennifer for receiving this award and in wishing them nothing but continued success.

CIVIL RIGHTS

SPEECH OF

HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2017

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend Rep. VEASEY for hosting tonight's special order.

Let me begin by offering my condolences to the families of Sgt. La David Johnson and his fellow soldiers who lost their lives in Niger.

Those who give their lives in the service of this great nation and their families deserve our honor, respect and thanks. The White House's treatment of Sgt. Johnson's Gold Star widow is an embarrassment to our nation.

Furthermore, the White House's attacks on Congresswoman FREDERICA WILSON's character are baseless and shameful. I know Congresswoman WILSON as a woman of integrity who has proven her deep commitment to her constituents and community over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today with my colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus to

share a concern about the leaked FBI's assessment creating a new class of threats and unjustly labeling ordinary Americans exercising their constitutional rights as extremists.

In the report, the FBI coins a new term—black identity extremists—which can easily give the perception that African Americans speaking out against police brutality or anyone who identifies as black for that matter is a threat to law enforcement.

I can't help but wonder, what led the FBI to reach such a conclusion. Was it the Facebook ads purchased by Russian operatives targeting the Black Lives Matter movement?

This type of mischaracterization is dangerous and further erodes the trust between law enforcement officials and communities of color.

We have seen this before. The FBI has a long and troubling history of targeting African Americans in this country.

In the 1960s, the FBI's Counter Intelligence Program (COINTELPRO) was used to surveil and discredit civil rights activists fighting institutional racism, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and black members of Congress.

These activists were fighting for equality, access to the ballot box, educational opportunities, and decent housing. They no longer wanted to be treated as second-class citizens. Put simply, they were seeking an even playing field and equal treatment under the law as should be provided to every American.

Here we are sixty years later, and we continue to fight for the same rights.

We have seen it play out in the unrest that unfolded in communities like Ferguson, Baltimore, and Cleveland where those who are being paid to protect and serve are not held accountable for killing unarmed African American citizens.

This report makes clear that we have harkened back to the dark days of J. Edgar Hoover. COINTELPRO 2.0 undermines the progress we have made and continues the current Administration's disturbing trend of demonizing communities of color.

At some point, Members on both sides of the aisle must stand up and speak out against these efforts to mischaracterize actions of Americans fighting for a fairer and more just America.

We all have rights under the Constitution, and no American seeking equal treatment under the law should be unfairly labeled when exercising those rights.

A TRIBUTE TO BONNY BAKER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 27, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bonny Baker on her recent retirement from the Taylor County Courthouse after 43 years of dedicated service.

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